



Curtiss-Wright Announces Passing of Joseph Napoleon

Executive Vice President of Curtiss-Wright Corporation And President of the Flow Control Segment Served Company for 34 Years

Interim President to be Named

ROSELAND, N.J., Oct. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW; CW.B), a diversified global provider of highly engineered products and services to the motion control, flow control and metal treatment industries, announced today the passing of Mr. Joseph Napoleon, 56, Executive Vice President of Curtiss-Wright Corporation and President of its Flow Control business segment, headquartered in Long Island.

Mr. Napoleon passed away in his sleep early Thursday morning. He had served with Curtiss-Wright for 34 years. He originally joined the company in 1969 as a Quality Control engineer at the Target Rock division and then accepted various positions of increasing responsibility. He was elected President of Curtiss-Wright Flow Control in 1999 and Executive Vice President of Curtiss-Wright Corporation in 2001. Mr. Napoleon was instrumental in the profitable expansion of the Flow Control segment as well as the corporation as a whole. The Company is in the process of establishing an interim President who will be publicly disclosed in the near future.

"Joe Napoleon's death is a tragic loss for his family, especially his wife, as well as for everyone at Curtiss-Wright," stated Martin R. Benante, Chairman and CEO of Curtiss-Wright. "Joe has been with Curtiss-Wright for 34 years and many people, including myself, our Board and his fellow Business Unit Presidents deeply respected him for his support and ardent contributions to Curtiss-Wright Corporation and regarded him as a friend. We have had the privilege of knowing and working with Joe for many years. He was one of those rare individuals who was an excellent leader and endeared himself to everyone he came in contact with. I will miss him greatly, as I know all who knew him will."

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Roseland, New Jersey. The Company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and additionally is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 4,300 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at www.curtisswright.com.

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